

Joel A. Fletcher, Registrar at East Hendersonville, Replies to Certain Affidavits Recently Distributed

Certain affidavits having been distributed broadcast over the county in criticism of the Registrar in East Hendersonville over the signature of the Republican County Chairman, Mr. Fletcher, the registrar who having been interviewed in reference thereto makes the following reply:

FLETCHER'S LETTER.

To the Voters of Henderson County:

It has been brought to the attention of the undersigned that circulars bearing the affidavits of Lee Sexton, Fred Case and J. E. Barnwell to the effect that the Registrar in East Hendersonville has arbitrarily refused to register these gentlemen "for the reason that they could not read and write and explain the constitution." Since I, personally, stand for the right of every white man of fair intelligence to be permitted the privilege of casting his ballot for the man of his choice in all elections and since I believe it is the sense of the Democratic party that every man should be entitled to exercise this privilege I deem it my duty to state the facts governing these alleged violations of the rights of these gentlemen which were as follows:

The law provides that "EVERY person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language, and shall show to the satisfaction of the Registrar his ability to read and write any such section when he applies for registration, and before he is registered." There are other provisions incorporated in the statute which, when complied with, eliminate even this test, but inasmuch as the gentlemen above referred to FLATLY REFUSED, WHEN THEY PRESENTED THEMSELVES FOR REGISTRATION, TO ENDEAVOR IN ANY WAY TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE QUALIFIED TO REGISTER, there was no alternative left me, as a sworn officer of the law, to do otherwise than to decline to register them.

These applicants for registration refused to attempt to qualify UNDER ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTE and since they refused to endeavor to qualify themselves such arbitrary action on their part would seem to indicate that they were purposely taking this attitude in order to compel me to refuse to register them.

I offered to abide by the decision of official partisans of these gentlemen if, in view of the arbitrary stand taken by them, these partisan officials would say that in their opinion, under the circumstances above set out, I ought to register them, but up to this time they have declined to submit to this test of their right to register. This being the case of the gentlemen referred to I do not believe that any conscientious and upright Republican will contend that these men have been unjustly refused registration, nor do I believe such Republicans will support their action in thus arbitrarily refusing to show that they were in fact qualified and entitled to register under the PROVISIONS of the law. In conclusion, I HAVE TO SAY I NEVER ASKED THESE GENTLEMEN TO EXPLAIN THE CONSTITUTION.

J. A. FLETCHER,

Registrar East Hendersonville Precinct.

VISIT OF SOVEREIGN COMMANDER FRASER TO BE NOTABLE OCCASION

White Pine Camp, No. 213, Woodmen of the World of Hendersonville, will have as its guest on Wednesday evening, November 15, Hon. W. A. Fraser, of Omaha, Neb., Sovereign Commander Woodmen of the World. To meet him on that occasion White Pine Camp has invited all the woodmen camps of Western North Carolina and the public generally.

Sovereign Commander Fraser is the greatest figure in the fraternal world today, being the chief executive of a society which holds in its membership nearly one million members and carries in its strong box a reserve emergency fund of \$30,000,000. Since his accession to leadership three years ago, the fraternity has taken the lead in the fraternal insurance world and is now enjoying unequalled prosperity. When the present year closes it will have opened its doors to more than one hundred and thirty thousand new members, and have paid to widows and orphans more than \$6,000,000.

North Carolina boasts a membership of twenty-five thousand and a growth during 1916 of five thousand new members.

The camp at Hendersonville is one of the strongest and most progressive in the state numbering in its membership those citizens who have made the town what it is today and who are foremost in every progressive movement in this section of the old North State.

Sovereign Commander Fraser's visit will be a notable occasion for Hendersonville and the city will entertain him in the hospitable manner for which it is famous.

Hendersonville is once again proving its claim to being one of the leading cities of this State by the fact that Mr. Fraser only visits three cities in North Carolina and one of these is



W. A. FRASER.

Hendersonville.

The local lodge is getting out literature and invitations to all lodge in Western North Carolina and it is confidently expected that the crowd of visitors will tax the capacity of Hendersonville's accommodations for winter guests.

Ochlawaha Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F., has appointed M. N. Orr, J. T. Metter and J. F. Stepp as their committee to co-operate with the Woodmen in entertaining Mr. Fraser and his party.

PRINCIPAL ELECTED.

Prof. J. W. Briggs has been elected principal of the Greene's Creek high school and will take up the work Monday, November 6. This school employs four teachers.

Haywood and Buncombe to Cast Big Vote for Weaver

D. S. Elias, chairman of the ten district congressional committee, wires the Hustler as follows:

"With the election only one week distant the campaign has reached the point where it is safe to make predictions. Zebulon Weaver will be elected by a majority ranging between 1,000 and 1,200. The question is continuously asked: 'What is Buncombe going to do?' The answer is: Give Weaver a majority of between 800 and 1,000. Haywood and Buncombe will cast the biggest democratic majorities polled for a congressional candidate in ten years. The people of the tenth district are for Woodrow Wilson and intend to support him with a democratic congress. It can truly be said Wilson and Weaver win."

ALDERMAN BUYS GULL GROCERY STORE.

R. J. Alderman has purchased the stock of groceries formerly owned by W. M. Gull, and will conduct an up-to-date grocery store, beginning on or about November 15.

Mr. Alderman has been for the past seven years connected with the firm of Slayden-Fakes company, wholesale grocers and is well known throughout the county. He will occupy the same building used by Mr. Gull, on Main street, owned by E. W. Ewbank.

The new concern will be known as R. J. Alderman, the grocer, and will have a trade motto "Serve-U-Better." An entire new stock of staple and fancy groceries will be added to the present supply making it one of the most complete stores in the city.

Mr. Alderman is very much encouraged over the prospects of a business venture by himself and has received congratulations from his many friends who have promised their support and patronage.

J. K. HILL WON PRIZES AT RALEIGH STATE FAIR.

Henderson county was represented at the state fair in Raleigh last week when J. K. Hill captured two first prizes and two second prizes in the apple exhibits.

Mr. Hill accompanied by his wife decided this year that they would keep Henderson county on the map when it came to apples. He carried a number of exhibits of the Hoover and Rome Beauty variety of apples from which he won first prizes. In the Lawver and Ben Davis class he pulled down two second prizes.

Mr. Hill is very enthusiastic over the state fair. He says that it was better this year than he has ever seen. Henderson county should send a larger exhibit to Raleigh thinks Mr. Hill. Several counties sent car loads and even many townships sent separate exhibits to the state fair.

REPUBLICAN STATES HAVE THE EDUCATIONAL TEST.

Editor Hustler:

So much furor having been raised about North Carolina disfranchising some white men, I was impelled by curiosity to see how many states have practically the same educational requirements as ours. I found that fifteen have such requirements.

The thing that amazed me was that such rock-ribbed (so-called) republican states as Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire have substantially the same requirements as the democratic state of North Carolina. My authority is the 1916 National Year Book and Encyclopedia.

VOTER.

THE CITIZEN PREDICTS.

After talking with a friend from Jackson county, and in order to keep up with the procession of prophets, The Citizen "predicts" that the majority in the Tenth district will be something like the following:

For Weaver—Buncombe 600; Haywood, 650; Jackson, 150; Graham, 50; Rutherford, 150; McDowell, 50. For Britt—Cherokee, 175; Henderson, 400; Clay, 50; Swain, 250. Total for Weaver, 1,650; for Britt, 875. Polk, Transylvania and Macon doubtful. All of which means that Zeb. Weaver will carry the district by a majority of 774—or more.—Asheville Citizen.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will observe the week beginning Monday, November 6, as a week of prayer. They will meet each day at 3:30 p. m. in the church.

COMPLETE ELECTION RETURNS AT HUSTLER OFFICE TUESDAY NIGHT

People of Hendersonville and surrounding country, irrespective of political affiliation, are cordially invited to be guests of the French Broad Hustler next Tuesday night, November 7. National, state and county election returns will be received and posted in the large window in the front of the office. The returns will begin coming in soon after supper and will continue until a late hour, at which time it will be known whether Hughes or Wilson will occupy the presidential chair for the next four years, who is elected governor of the state, who will be our next congressman and who are elected to the various county offices.

In this connection we wish to request all poll-holders in the county to communicate with the Hustler by telephone as soon as the results in their precincts are known. All telephone charges will be paid by the Hustler.

Just call for No. 6 and tell the operator to reverse the charges.

Not in many years has a presidential election excited so much interest as the one just ahead and the Hustler is sparing no pains or expense to get complete reports. A large crowd is expected and everybody is urged to make themselves feel at home. There will probably be some humorous speeches made and the crowd will be entertained to the best of our ability.

The latest poll published by the New York Herald shows Wilson leading in 28 states and Hughes in 20. The total poll taken up to Saturday was 204,599. Of this vote Hughes received 99,875; Wilson, 99,153; Benson, 5,233, giving Hughes a plurality of 722. Last week's poll gave Hughes a plurality of 3,727, which shows that Wilson is still making heavy gains. The state of Ohio gave Wilson 12,976 to Hughes 9,738.

COMMUNITY FAIR AT MILLS RIVER FRIDAY, NOV. 10

Other Schools Are Invited and Prizes Will be Given for Best Exhibits. Prominent Speakers Invited.

The people of Mills River community are preparing to entertain a large crowd at the Mills River school on Friday, November 10, in the way of a community fair. Prof. N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill, L. C. Brogden of Raleigh, and Governor Craig are invited to make the principal speeches. Other speakers, however, are invited, among whom are Supt. W. H. Hipps of Asheville, T. F. Shipman of Hendersonville, and Supt. C. E. Blackstock of the Hendersonville graded school.

Other schools are urged to take part in the community fair. The day is given to those schools that can get a majority of their children to go and take part in the various activities. The following schools are urged to be present with all the enthusiasm possible: Rugby, Smokey Hollow, Mountain View, Etowah, Maple Gap, and Horse Shoe. The schools will be arranged in the parade as they arrive. So, get there first and lead the parade.

Prizes will be given for the following:

1. Best exhibit in the parade, that is, the judges will decide on which school shows up the best in respect to the float and the dressing up of the teams. The parade will begin at Mills river in front of Davenport and Walker's store at 10 a. m. and will go by the way of Mr. Jim Crook's to the school building. All schools are urged to be ready for the parade at 10 a. m.
2. Best exhibit of apples. No. of variety and the quality of the selections.
3. Best exhibit of farm products—corn, potatoes, Irish and sweet—hay, grain, all kinds of farm products.
4. Best exhibit of handwork, based on how long it has been made and the degree of efficiency with which it was done.
5. Best exhibit of fancy work, (a) crocheting, (b) embroidery, (c) tatting.
6. Best piece of wood work, handles, baskets, chairs, stools, etc.
7. Best exhibit of: (a) jellies, (b) preserves, (c) can goods, (d) breads, (e) pies, (f) cakes.

The prize for the best show in the parade will be \$2. Those in the other lists will be uniform, but the amount has not yet been fixed.

All exhibits must be in by 10 a. m. on November 10.

HORSE SHOE ITEMS.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Horse Shoe, Nov. 1.—John Purvis and family are preparing to leave our section and locate at Reeves, Ga. Mr. Purvis will have charge of the Hurbutt Farm at that place. We are sorry to lose this estimable family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Potts of Hendersonville, visited their uncle, Mr. Davenport, on Monday.

A Current Event class has been organized at the Horse Shoe graded school.

Rev. Welker of Weaver College, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Moffit spent the week end with the latter's parents.

The revival at the Baptist church closed on Friday. Twelve new members were added to the Church by baptism and seven by letters. A purse of about \$55 was raised for Rev. E. L. Ross besides other donations.

W. H. Pool has moved to his farm purchased from J. K. Burr.

Sam Johnson and family of Hendersonville, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Johnson.

Author Holbert is at home for a few days from Canton.

Mary Duncan spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Alice Duncan.

Lee Allen of Hendersonville visited his grandparents Sunday.

Girls, if you are at a loss to know how to take a man, let him stay where he is.

The wise man really looks broken-hearted when his wife goes for a two weeks' visit.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

Prof. Shipman and Prof. Howell Make Short Talks—Several New Members Added.

At a meeting of the Parent-Teachers association of Hendersonville, held in the auditorium of the graded school Friday afternoon it was decided to co-operate with the manager of the Queen theatre to the end that one day each week be set aside as children's day on which pictures especially suitable for children would be shown and to this the teachers and mothers pledged their support; addresses were delivered by Prof. T. F. Shipman of this city, and Prof. Harry Howell, superintendent of the Asheville city schools.

The president of the association, Mrs. L. R. Barnwell, having resigned, Mrs. J. F. Brooks presided over the meeting which opened with the singing of "Ode to Mother" by the pupils of the second grade. It was decided to elect a new president at the next regular meeting, which has been changed to the third Wednesday afternoon in each month at 4 o'clock.

Prof. Shipman's address was on the subject: "Is it possible for a pupil to make good in some subjects and to be incapable of making good in other subjects?" He handled this in a very clear and forceful manner, and Prof. Howell supplemented Mr. Shipman's remarks to the enlightenment of the teachers and parents assembled. If a pupil is backward in any of the elementary subjects he should be brought up and the duty falls on the teacher. The teacher must learn to put a motive and a purpose behind the school work and any appeal to the student must be made now and today. The subject should be put before the pupil in an attractive manner.

Prof. Howell told the association that one of its first duties was to take stock of its needs and tackle the first thing at hand. Among these he mentioned beautifying the grounds around the school building, serving hot lunches to the pupils at cost and a sanitary committee should be appointed. He was of the opinion that 100 or 150 women banded together in an organization like the Parent-Teachers association could with their determination accomplish much.

Mrs. Freeze, one of the teachers told of the need of a janitress at the school. The president was authorized to appoint the chairman of the various committees. Little Miss Lena Briggs of the seventh grade delighted the assembly with a pleasing recitation, and the meeting closed by the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Messrs Sam T. Hodges, George Valentine, C. E. Brooks, Robert Freeman and Bolling added their names as members of the association, bringing the total up to about 75. The meeting was largely attended and showed the interest the mothers are taking in the work.

BLUE RIDGE WINNER OVER CHRIST SCHOOL.

Blue Ridge defeated the Christ school football team on the grounds of the latter, at Arden Monday afternoon by the score of 10 to 3. The game was a tight one and hard fought by both teams. Sample, of Blue Ridge, made many substantial gains on runs around the end, and the defensive work of Allen, on end for the victors, was worthy of mention. Blue Ridge did well with three out of five passes from Sample to Swink. Lott played a fast, heady game.

Clayton, of Christ school, gained considerable ground on end runs and Tuggle shone as a line plunger and generally successful tackler. Penner, who played end for Christ school, broke up several Blue Ridge forward passes and the whole team showed up to advantage.

After a man gets to be about so old the insurance solicitors give him a rest.

The more worthless a man, the easier it is for some woman to marry him.

EDITORS HAD PLEASANT MEETING HERE LAST WEEK

Were Entertained at Park Hill and Enjoyed Movies at the Queen. Socks Presented.

The third quarterly meeting of the Western North Carolina Weekly Press association was held in Hendersonville Friday and Saturday of last week. The meeting was of an informal nature and was both enjoyable and profitable to those who attended.

Friday afternoon L. Edwin Gill of Asheville, special advertising representative of the association, met with the boys and outlined some plans he had conceived for the association's benefit.

After supper at Park Hill Friday evening the editors were entertained at a theatre party at the Queen theatre. The picture, "The Lights of New York," was of an exceptionally high order and was full of human interest. The newspaper men were very thankful to Mr. Loop for his courtesy. Saturday morning Editor Garlington took the visitors for an automobile trip over the city and visited the Skyland Hosiery mill at East Flat Rock. After being shown through the mill and the various processes in the manufacture of hosiery had been explained, each of the visitors were presented with a fine pair of socks with the compliments of the management. Mr. Rogers is an exceptionally clever gentleman and is making the Skyland Hosiery mill one of the biggest manufacturing establishments in the country.

Owing to the press of duties at home consequent to the rapidly approaching election, most of the members of the association were prevented from attending.

The association was organized in Asheville last winter and has about 15 members. The first regular meeting was held in Canton early in the spring and in July they met in Sylva in Jackson county. The quarterly meetings are held at different points within the bounds of the association where the editors are shown everything of interest with a view to studying local conditions in the various towns in the territory so that it may be written up by all those present. While here the visitors were the guests of Gordon F. Garlington of the Hustler who provided entertainment at the Park Hill hotel. Mrs. Brown took pains to make their stay at this popular and exclusive hotel very pleasant and the visitors were loud in praise of Park Hill.

Among those attending were Noah M. Hollowell, editor of the Sylvan Valley News, Brevard; Ora L. Jones, of the Quality Print Shop, Brevard, and Dan Tompkins, editor of the Jackson County Journal, Sylva.

MANY FINE CATTLE IN HENDERSON AND TRANSYLVANIA.

"There is more fine beef cattle in Henderson and Transylvania counties this fall than usual," was the statement made to a Hustler representative Saturday by T. Gilbert Wood, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wood, who is connected with the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway, spent Saturday in these two counties with some cattle buyers who were looking for some beef cattle. In connection with the trip Mr. Wood took advantage of the opportunity to talk to the farmers with a view of inducing some of them to attend the International Live Stock Show to be held at Chicago the second week in November. At this show many fine specimens of live stock from all over the United States and foreign countries will be on exhibition and the show always proves very profitable for all who attend.

"If you know of anyone who has beef cattle for sale, please tell them to communicate with me," said Mr. Wood. "I have buyers for all the cattle that farmers in this section have to put on the market."

NOVEMBER MEETING OF HENDERSON COUNTY TEACHERS.

The Henderson County teachers at the November meeting will discuss the subjects of drawing and penmanship and English according to plans mapped out by the program committee.

The discussion on drawing and penmanship will be led by Miss Maude Barton of the Hendersonville graded school; that on English will be led by Miss Cordelia Camp of the Fletcher school.

All teachers are expected to be prepared to follow these discussions from a practical standpoint.

DEATH OF LOUISE WILLSON.

A telegram was received here last Thursday morning, announcing the death of Louise Willson, daughter of F. E. Willson, president of the J. R. Willson Lumber Co., and brother of J. R. Willson.

The many friends of F. E. Willson who visits our city every fall, will learn this sad news with deep regret.

Fortune knocks once at every man's door but misfortune frequently drops in without knocking.

You can tell when a woman is interested in some man by the way she can pretend that she isn't.